

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1440

To prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from imposing penalties for indecent broadcasts on providers of video over cable television systems, satellite carriers, the Internet, or non-broadcast providers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. PAUL, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Ms. WATSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stamp Out Censorship
5 Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION.**

2 Section 503 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
3 U.S.C. 503) is amended by adding at the end the following
4 new subsection:

5 “(c) INDECENCY AUTHORITY AVAILABLE ONLY
6 WITH RESPECT TO BROADCASTING.—This section shall
7 be construed to permit the Commission to impose a for-
8 feiture penalty under this section with respect to any inde-
9 cent utterance only if that utterance is broadcast by a
10 radio or television broadcasting station.”.

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